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LOTS OF TIMBER YET.

Over 6,000,000 Acres of Hardwood Timber is Still Standing in Michigan.

7,750,000 ACRES OF PINE LAND.

Berrien County Has 35,000 Acres of Hardwood and 230 Acres of Pine Land.

Labor Commissioner Morse is about to issue a chapter of forestry statistics for Michigan. The total figures show there are in the state 6,106,977 acres of hardwood, 775,208 of pine, 1,468,166 of hemlock, 5,000,810 of plains, 3,265,067 of swamp. All of the area listed as plains is partly covered with bushes and scattering trees, while all of the swamp is partly covered with small timber and bushes.

For Berrien and counties near by the figures are as follows:

Berrien county has 35,388 acres of hardwood, 230 acres of pine, 320 acres of hemlock, 9,222 acres of plains, 29,663 acres of swamp.

Cass county has 28,468 acres of hardwood, no pine, 200 acres of hemlock, 2,846 acres of plains, 27,081 acres of swamp.

Allegan county has 29,768 acres of hardwood, 82 acres of pine, 70 acres of hemlock, 72,030 acres of plains, 23,163 acres of swamp.

Van Buren county has 28,355 acres of hardwood, 200 of pine, no hemlock, 17,811 of plains, 22,647 of swamp.

Barry county has 39,491 acres of hardwood, no pine, no hemlock, 3,149 acres of plains, 19,579 acres of swamp.

Kalamazoo county has 28,185 acres of hardwood, no pine, no hemlock, 965 acres of plains, 12,281 acres of swamp.

800 DOGS.

It is Declared There Are That Many in Benton Harbor.

A prominent citizen declares that there are at least 800 dogs in Benton Harbor. The canines are so numerous that complaints of their depredations are pouring in to the city authorities from all sources and some action on the part of the city council looking toward the extermination of the brutes is demanded.

The operations of the dog catchers last summer did not have a depopulating effect on the canine element, according to the opinion of the aforementioned prominent citizen. Dogs were never more numerous in Benton Harbor. They visit back doors and scarcely wait for the milkman to disappear around the corner of the house before their noses are thrust into the milk receptacles.

Thems, shoulders, side meat and sausage, left in out houses, disappear and the owners are apprised of the nature of the intruder by canine tracks around the house. The dog question seems to be one of considerable seriousness and one which the city will soon be called upon to wrestle with.

NEWS OF THE STATE

At a recent reception given Gen. Alger at Detroit, Warren McCumber, now a driver in the fire department, and who was Gen. Alger's orderly in the war, came to pay his respects to his former chief. Grasping the general's hand in his own, McCumber leaned forward and kissed Gen. Alger, and several handkerchiefs were pressed to the eyes of those near by as they witnessed this feeling expression of affection.

Calumity Overhanging Niles

Dowagiac News: D. E. Mittan, of Niles, who, as stated in yesterday's News, was in the city, is contemplating making this place his future home.

Here is a chance to get a new, eight room house in good location, cheaper than can be duplicated by any one in Benton Harbor. Will take a good span of horses and one or two cows in part payment. Inquire at McDonald's lumber yard, West Main St.

IN CASE OF RIOTS.

The New Military Company Offers Its Services.

The St. Joseph military company met last night and appointed a committee composed of A. L. Versaw, J. E. Riley and Roy K. Moulton, to offer the services of the company to Sheriff Ferguson and the mayors of the two cities for riot duty.

The orderly sergeant was instructed to correspond with the adjutant general relative to securing uniforms and arms for the members of the company. Eight new members were received.

DISCOURAGED FRUIT GROWERS.

They Come Here From New York and Other States to Locate.

The report that the fruit buds in this vicinity have been injured by the cold snap has not scared away people who are looking for fruit country in which to locate. The fact is that the peach trees are in excellent shape for a crop next year. Some of the buds have been killed, enough so that fruit growers will not be required to spend \$25 per acre to thin out the fruit next summer. A gentleman from New York who for several years has suffered failure of crops will arrive here very soon and expects to purchase several hundred acres of fruit land and a residence in this city. An idea of the extensive business he carried on in New York may be had from the fact that he owned his own steamers which carried his products to market down a little river in northern New York. Other smaller growers who are discouraged with the uncertain crops in other parts are looking to the Michigan fruit belt as a new field for their business and to the city of Benton Harbor for a home.

A QUEER CASE.

Secretary of the Niles Paper Company in Trouble.

The Niles Paper Mill company are the defendants in a peculiar suit to be tried this week in the circuit court at Kalamazoo. The plaintiffs are Smith, Stillwell, Bierce & Company, of Kalamazoo, and they will be represented by Gore & Harvey, of this city. The suit is brought to recover on an account of \$900, representing a quantity of machinery purchased by the secretary of the Niles Paper Mill company and ordered shipped by him to the Allegan Paper company at Allegan, in which he is president and one of the chief stockholders.

The Niles company will endeavor to show that the machinery was purchased without their knowledge and in fraud of its rights.

CHAIN LINKS IN HIS LUNGS.

The Cause of the Death of Philip Brown Now Gallon.

GALLON, Feb. 11—Philip Brown died at New Carlisle, Ind., seven miles from here yesterday afternoon, from the effects of two links of log chain which had been in his lung 30 years.

Brown served in the late war without harm. Shortly after the war he attended a logging bee. A heavy chain broke and two links struck him on the left side above the heart, pushed through his body, and lodged directly under the shoulder blade. He did not have the links removed, and they bothered him ever since, appearing sometimes in one part of the body, sometimes in another. The last few days he bled profusely from the mouth.

At his own request, the links will be cut out by the physicians. The case is attracting considerable attention among the medical profession.

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READS LIKE FICTION.

Story of the Proceedings in the Famous Hickory Creek Drain.

FARMERS NOW FIGHTING IT.

Artificial Waterway Extending Through Lake and Weesaw Township.

The history of Hickory Creek drain reads like a romance. Hickory Creek drain is an artificial waterway and as surveyed will traverse a great tract of lowland extending through Weesaw and Lake townships. There was a necessity for the drain and the majority of the fruit growers whose farms it crosses favored it, otherwise its construction would never have begun.

The application for the drain was made and filed with Drain Commissioner Clark December 28, 1894. It starts in section one of Weesaw township and entering Lake traverses that township its entire length, following as near as practicable the general course of Hickory Creek. The application was signed by 23 of the property holders whose lands the drain traversed and it was then admitted that the establishment of the drain was conducive to the public health and business interests of the community.

The contract for constructing the drain was awarded J. M. Allmendinger, of this city, for \$6,000. Contractor Allmendinger began the work of excavating last summer and when he had completed almost a mile of the ditch it leaked out that the drain proposed by the commissioner were illegal and a few of the land owners who were assessed for the benefit of the drain, but who opposed its construction, seized at this opportunity to prevent further work. They created sentiment against the building of the waterway to such an extent that several of the farmers across whose lands the drain passed were induced to commence trespass proceedings against Contractor Allmendinger. Mr. Allmendinger caused his attorneys, Gore & Harvey, to quietly investigate the proceedings of the drain commissioner. They learned that glaring irregularities existed and that it would be impossible for Mr. Allmendinger to collect on his contract after the drain was completed unless the proceedings of the commissioner were corrected.

This discovery placed Mr. Allmendinger in dire straits. He must if possible secure a correction in the proceedings without suffering the loss of the expense he had been to something over \$2,000, and how to do this was a serious problem. He finally saw a way out. He continued with the prosecution of his work on the drain, his attorneys succeeding in adjourning the trespass suits from one week to another during which time he succeeded in influencing a friendly party in the person of Charles L. Lemon, of Lake township, to file a bill in chancery asking that he (Allmendinger) be restrained from further work upon the proposed waterway.

The case was argued before Judge Coolidge at Niles, Gore & Harvey appearing for the petitioner, Charles L. Lemon, and James O'Hara representing Mr. Allmendinger. The injunction was granted and in his order Judge Coolidge decreed that all proceedings of the drain commissioner relative to Hickory Creek drain, subsequent to the first order of determination therein, and except such releases of right of way as may have been executed and delivered, were insufficient, illegal and void.

Mr. Allmendinger at once ceased work and the drain commissioner set to work to correct the proceedings back to the first order of determination. The opposition to the construction has greatly increased and the question of the commissioner's right to correct the proceedings has become an issue. Many of the property holders have filed another application for the drain must be filed and the proceedings from the beginning as required by the drain law observed before the drain can be established.

This question will be determined before the judge of probate February 23, at which time a warm strife, it is expected will be witnessed. Mr. Allmendinger succeeded in having the trespass suits against him dismissed by the payment of the costs which he gladly consented to do. These concessions, of course, were not made by Mr. Allmendinger until after he had been enjoined from further work upon the drain.

If it is decided that the drain can be constructed, Mr. Allmendinger will not doubt be awarded the contract for the reason that with one mile of the drain completed and his machinery on the ground he can afford to under bid any of his competitors.

INJURED WHILE COASTING.

Agard Bailey, Son of the Banker, Meets With an Accident.

Agard Bailey, son of Banker S. A. Bailey received a severe injury to his knees today while coasting on the hill by the water works station. An ugly wound, laying the flesh open almost to the bone, was discovered by Dr. George Bell who was called to attend the injured boy. The bone was not injured and the physician says the wound will heal without affecting the leg.

STORY OF RICHES.

It is Told Concerning a Berrien County Man.

The Detroit Evening News prints the story that Joseph Omslieker, a farmer living five miles south of St. Joseph, is said to have found \$10,000 while digging a cellar for a new house. The money was in a rusty iron box and consisted mostly of gold coin.

Mr. Omslieker kept his find a secret for some time, but finally sold his farm and moved to Chicago with his new-found wealth. He is a native of Germany and can scarcely speak English. It is said that the money was buried by an Indian chief 35 years ago, to prevent it from being stolen by a rival tribe. The Indians soon came here 25 years ago to find the money, which he said had been buried on the bank of a stream near a pine tree.

BY A VICIOUS DOG.

A Child on Britain Avenue a Sad Sufferer.

The three year old child of Mrs. Alar, who lives at the foot of Britain avenue, was badly bitten by a mad dog this morning. The child was at play.

The dog bit through the upper lip and badly lacerated the lower lip of the child. Dr. Fraenyer took three stitches in the upper lip and dressed the wounds in the lower lip.

The matter has been reported to the police and when the owner of the dog is located, he will probably be invited to shoot the dangerous brute.

ST. JOSEPH.

Fred Potter has returned from Honolulu where he was employed by the Mergenthaler Linotype company as operator.

Robert E. Wrege who has been occupied with the construction of the log whistle here has returned to Detroit. James Sussman, of Baroda, was convicted this morning before Judge Balcourt on the charge of being drunk and disorderly and was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail.

The Nineteenth Century Club is entertaining the other ladies' clubs of the two cities at the home of Mrs. H. B. Rosenberg this afternoon.

The opera, "Penelope," will be presented at the Hotel Whitcomb tonight for the benefit of the ladies' guild of the Episcopal church. Dancing will be enjoyed after the entertainment. Miss Manie Lynch was very cleverly and delightfully surprised at her home on Cleveland avenue last night by several sleighloads of merry-making friends.

A masquerade ball will be held at the Academy of Music tonight. The next meeting of the Prosperity Club will occur at the residence of Dona Hutchinson.

Mrs. Haslett left today for Chicago to join her son, H. B. Haslett, clerk of the steamer Jay Gould, whose sudden disappearance Monday caused considerable excitement.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Fred Allen visited some of the classes Wednesday afternoon. Philip Kephart, class of '96, was present during chapel Tuesday morning.

Mr. Perry and Mr. Richards of Fair Plain were visitors Tuesday afternoon. This week has been one of interest in the rhetorical work. On Monday an essay on Shakespeare was read by Frank King in which the life of the great dramatist was well presented.

On Tuesday a recitation by Arlie Merrill in which the fallings of the gentler sex were displayed on their shopping trips; also an essay on William Pitt by Earl Merry who characterized him as working toward the end of "making England the greatest country in the world and Lord Chatham the greatest man in England." On Wednesday a recitation by Maud Lester, Subject, "The dying newshy." On Thursday a recitation by Roy McClurg, "The Lazy Family," depicting the sad fate of a family who froze to death because they were not inclined to bring in wood to keep up the fire; an essay, "Colonel Ellsworth," by Howard Morgan, giving the life of the boy martyr of the civil war who was shot while tearing down the Confederate flag which had floated within plain sight of the capitol buildings at Washington.

THE WEATHER.

Snow flurries this afternoon and tonight. Cloudy and snow tomorrow.

OYSTER AND LARD SALE.

J. S. LaPoint Will Serve the Public Again Tomorrow.

Tomorrow J. S. LaPoint, the meat and oyster dealer on the corner of Pipestone and Bellian will sell:

Choice Baltimore oysters at 25 cents a quart.

Fine leaf lard at 6 cents per pound.

Have you got good teeth? Stick them into Bird's Blue Taffy. Bird always sells the best.

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Save your money. But if you must get rid of it spend it on good things like those fine candies at Bird's drug store.

MAY KILL IT.

Action of the Grangers May Defeat the Proposed Judicial Change.

The opposition against making Berrien county a separate judicial district advanced by the grangers, it is thought, will prove an effective agency in the killing of the proposition so enthusiastically launched by the lawyers of this county at their recent meeting in St. Joseph.

The reported fact that Cass county had not a single case in the January calendar of the circuit court, is another condition which will probably be used with telling effect in the argument against the proposition. Local attorneys are inclined to disbelieve this report, however, claiming that the real fact is, undoubtedly, that Judge Callado became disgusted over the absence of attorneys on the opening day of court and returned home.

The matter of drafting a bill for presentation in the legislature relative to dividing this judicial district was placed in the hands of Attorney Lambert, of Niles, and what has been done toward the consummation of the contemplated end local lawyers are not aware.

Revival Meetings

Rev. O. D. Thomas the evangelist who has been engaged to conduct a series of union revival meetings in this city is expected to arrive here Friday, the 26th and will begin work at once. In the meantime union preparatory meetings will be held and the work of organizing a chorus choir, under Dr. Kneeland and a corps of special workers under Mr. French will go forward.

Meetings for this evening will be held in the following places: Hugger school house, leader Rev. E. A. Hoffman.

Hull school house, leader Rev. W. P. French.

Allen school house, leader Rev. L. W. Earl.

Boynton school house, leader Rev. George B. Simons.

Home of Mr. York on Empire avenue.

Home of Mrs. Banyon, Colfax avenue, one door south of Garfield avenue, leader Mrs. May.

Home of Sylvester Warner, Vineyard avenue, leader Mrs. Granger.

Home of Mr. Bassett, Brunson avenue and Jefferson street, leader W. P. Harvey.

Home of Ova Nattier Holloway street, leader J. W. Barker.

Y. M. C. A. rooms, leader Dr. White.

Home of Captain Rounds, Britain avenue and Broadway, leader Mrs. Tomkins.

The Last London Sweep.

The contemporary chimney sweeps, who still are of importance to London, are lusty youths and mature men, who work with a "machine" and bear relation to the ancient order commemorated by Lamb and purposely championed by Dickens only in their soot grimed hands and blackened countenances. One of these, testifying at the inquest over William Price, summed up the grand difference between original worth and present degeneracy. "Lor' bless you, we ain't chimney sweeps nowadays; not a bit of it. We work with a lot of sticks. Anybody can do that. But he—ah, he wor a sweep, he wor! He could do our work, but we couldn't do his. There ain't no chimbleys, and there ain't no sweeps now."—London Letter.

The Useful Horse Radish.

That scrid alien of the ditches and field corners, botanically named *Armoracia*, but almost universally known as horse radish, is not only serviceable as a popular associate for hot wienerswursts and in giving roast meats a keen edge, but it has also a good supply of medicinal properties. From it comes that tongue biting concoction, compound spirit of horse radish. The spirit—properly taken—has caused many dyspepsias to bless the day the hot root was first discovered. As a anoritic horse radish has elicited many favorable testimonials from hopeless cases of chronic rheumatism and dropsy sufferers have often found temporary relief by using the property as a diuretic.

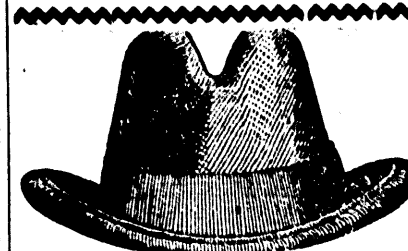
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300 yds fine English flannel at 74c a yd.
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Choice of our entire stock of new spring prints 5c a yard.

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"Gold Lace" flour, \$4.19 a barrel.
"Wonder" spring wheat flour, best on earth, \$4.50.

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to clean out some old lots. They will go at HALF-PRICE. Must make room for the arrival of early spring goods.

1-4 Off Sale on all Winter Goods Continues.

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Benton Harbor MEAT and Provision HOUSE.

We change our add to say that we have the largest stock we have ever carried in the city. If you want high-priced beef steak, we simply say we have it; if you are looking for low prices we are the place. We have the stock, the assortment and we fear no competition in our line.
If you want a quart of oysters, solid meats, we have them.

J. J. MILLER, The Meat Man.

WHITE HOUSE STORE.

Now Is Your Last Chance,

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, MONDAY **Feb. 12, 13, 15** Between 9 & 11 a. m. and 2 and 4 p. m.

We will continue our great sale which has been a grand success. Goods are going fast at the astonishing low prices which no one but the White House Store is able to quote:

17 Yds. Fruit or Lonsdale for \$1.00 26 Yds. Standard Prints for \$1.00
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5 gal. Galvanized Iron Siphon Can.....	90c	1-2 lb. Bakers' Chocolate.....	19c
Crackers, per pound.....	5c	Sweet Chocolate.....	7c
1 gal. Older Vinegar.....	12c	California Peaches, 5 cans.....	15c
Golden Syrup, per gal.....	20c	Golden Pumpkin.....	9c
1 lb. Best Coconut.....	15c	Salt Pork.....	5c
1-2 lb. Best Coconut.....	10c	Arm and Hammer Soda.....	6c
3 lb. package Buckwheat.....	5c	Magic Yeast and Yeast Foam.....	3c
Matches, per package, 500 count.....	10c	25c Tea.....	19c
5 gallon Oil Can.....	50c	Sapole.....	8c
1 lb. Best 50c Tea.....	33c	Bulk Starch.....	4c
3 lb. package Rolled Oats.....	7c	1 lb. Dr. Price's Baking Powder.....	40c
1 lb. Good Java Coffee.....	28c	Salt, per sack.....	3c

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SPRING GREETING

1897

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Our new muslin underwear is in and we are opening the new embroideries today.

JAMES POUND

SMOKE! SMOKE!

The air is filled with smoke.

What kind of smoke?

Why from the **EVENING NEWS** and **K. P. Cigars.**

CARNEGIE ALL RIGHT.

The Collapse of the Steel Rail Combine Has No Terror for This Millionaire.

HE IS READY FOR COMPETITION

The Pittsburgh Iron King Holds a Conference With His Lieutenants.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 12.—Andrew Carnegie arrived in the city Wednesday night and was closed yesterday with the officials of the Carnegie Steel company, limited, denying himself to all interviewers. None of the officials of the company would express themselves upon the recent collapse of the billet and rail pools, and the threatened dissolution of the non ore combination. The iron and steel market is in a highly agitated state over the present condition, but it is evident that the Carnegie company is by no means worried over the prospect of open markets with the fiercest competition. A prominent steel manufacturer said: "As far as low prices on billets and steel rails are concerned, it is generally conceded that the Carnegies are prepared to compete under any conditions. Their recent completion of the two largest blast furnaces in the world, by which the cost of pig iron is reduced, their alliance with the coke interests, and the fact that they are paying a wage scale which contains a 10 per cent. bonus that can be taken off at any time, gives them an advantage that is conceded in iron and steel circles."

Iron Ore Combine May Also Collapse.
"A matter that is interesting the trade particularly at this time is the question whether the iron ore combination can withstand the influence that has been wrecking the combinations of finished products. Last year the output of ore was apportioned among the manufacturers with a view to limiting the production to 10,000,000 tons and putting the price up from \$2.50 per ton to \$1 and sustaining it at that point. This was accomplished throughout the year, but it had as a sustaining influence the steel rail, billet and beam pools, which kept up the price of finished products. The recent activity of the Mountain Iron mine in the Mesabi range from the Rockefeller interests by the Carnegie Steel company may prove a large factor in the ore pool. It will enable this company to secure a large amount of its ore at a decided advantage, and this advantage will be enhanced by the low railroad rates on the Butler and Pittsburgh railroad, which the Carnegie company is building from Pittsburgh to the lakes."

HOW IT IS VIEWED AT CLEVELAND.
Steel Pool Collapse Is the All-Absorbing Topic of Conversation.

Cleveland, Feb. 12.—The collapse of the steel pool and the sharp decline in prices is the all absorbing topic of conversation around the offices of ore producers and iron and steel manufacturers in this city. The ore producers have held several meetings here during the past two or three months, but in each case have adjourned without deciding upon a policy or fixing prices for the present year. Another meeting was to have taken place here Feb. 16, but it is stated that for various reasons it has been postponed and will not be held until toward the latter part of the present month. It is expected then that the ore men will either enter into a joint agreement with regard to output and prices or will decide to let each man shift for himself.

John D. Rockefeller has been represented in the meetings of the ore producers heretofore held during the winter, and it is understood will be represented at the coming gathering. The consensus of opinion among the larger ore producers seems to be that there is no better reason than ever why the operators should enter into an agreement. It is pointed out that with the collapse of the steel pool and the demoralization of prices on finished goods, there must necessarily be a big increase in consumption on account of buyers desiring to take advantage of low prices. This will, of course, stimulate the demand for ore, and the operators while admitting that their prices should largely be regulated by quotations on the finished product, believe that they should now, of all times, work together harmoniously.

One of the largest ore producers on Lake Superior said that beyond the fact that Mr. Carnegie had leased from John D. Rockefeller one or two mines, he felt confident that there had been no further deal between them and that all the talk about consolidation of interests or working arrangement between the two was without foundation.

What is called the last move in a long line of reductions has been made by Carnegie. Heretofore he has received his ore through middlemen. Hereafter he will use the Rockefeller ore, and it will be looked after by his Cleveland agent. An item of interest in connection with the collapse of the steel pool is the fact that the Cleveland Rolling Mill company has been receiving \$100,000 per annum for refraining from making steel rails. Many of the Cleveland ore men claim that the ore pool is not affected by the death of the rail and billet pools for the reason that the railroads, taking advantage of the lower prices, are putting in heavy orders for rails which will call for a vast quantity of ore.

No Truth in the Report.
Youngstown, O., Feb. 12.—Regarding the report sent out that the Merchants' Bar Iron association has disbanded, James N. Nutt, secretary of the association, says: "There is absolutely no truth in the report that the association has disbanded. We have a report of this kind about once every month and I am at a loss to understand how the rumors get afloat. The next meeting of the association will be held in March."

Michigan Federation of Labor.
Lansing, Mich., Feb. 12.—The executive board of the Michigan Federation of Labor met here yesterday and carried out part of the programme to hasten legislation for abolishing convict labor in prisons when it conflicts with free labor. A boycott was declared against the Brook-Ruffington shirt company, of Albany, N. Y., which has a contract

Where the Mistletoe Grows.

Mistletoe for centuries has been one of the most important factors in Yuletide decorations, its use dating back as far as the days of the Druids. The hanging of the mistletoe on Christmas eve, between 11 and 12 o'clock, in many homes is the beginning of the season's merrymaking. The bough is hung in a place where there will be no obstacle to passing under it, and the penalty for being caught beneath its branches all know.

The mistletoe of the Druids is *Viscum album*. It is a true parasite, existing on the sap of other trees, and never at any time is it in contact with the soil. It grows freely on apple, pear and plum trees, on poplars, thorns, maples and basswood, and rarely on the oak. It is said that the only sacred mistletoe of the Druids was that found upon the oak. The propagation is by the seeds. These are covered with a translucent, gummy substance. They are placed in position by birds, which in trying to rid their beaks of the sticky seeds rub them on the bark. The seeds which are deposited on the east or north side of the tree grow more rapidly than those to the south or west.

Some idea of the quantity of mistletoe that is used annually in London may be had when it is known that from the two counties of Worcester and Hereford alone more than 100 tons are shipped each season. Much also finds its way from Normandy and from France to the London market. Large quantities are imported yearly to New York, Boston and Philadelphia, and much reaches Chicago.

The mistletoe generally seen in the market here is a cousin to the European species and is known as *Phoradendron flavescens*. It is smaller, both in berries and leaf. It is found in great quantities in New Jersey and southward through the Carolinas, New Mexico and Indian Territory.—Chicago Record.

His Mother Would Do.

The Duke of Sutherland presented a park to one of the pottery towns. The opening was a big event, and the Prince of Wales was asked to perform the ceremony. A deputation waited on the prince accordingly, a wealthy and worthy magistrate being spokesman. Honest old John was noted for being large hearted, rough and ready and red Staffordshire. Unfortunately his royal highness was unable to comply.

"I should have been most happy," said he, "had I known sooner."

"Canna that spare half a day just to show thy face?" said the worthy fellow. "We shall look fules when we get back." But the prince was inexorable.

Much disconcerted, the deputation seemed at a loss how to proceed. Suddenly an idea struck their resourceful leader, and turning to the heir apparent, he said:

"Well, if this canna come, send thy mother."—Strand Magazine.

The Spirit of Love.

Beyond all question, it is the unalterable constitution of nature that there is efficacy—divine, unspeakable efficacy—in love. The exhibition of kindness has the power to bring even the irrational animal into subjection. Show kindness to a dog, and he will remember it; he will be grateful; he will infallibly return love for love. Show kindness to a lion, and you can lead him by the mane, you can thrust your head into his mouth, you can melt the untamed ferocity of his heart into an affection stronger than death. And if this blessed influence should extend itself over the earth, a moral garden of Eden would exist in every land. Instead of the thorn and briar would spring up the fir tree and the myrtle; the desert would blossom and the solitary place be made glad.—New York Ledger.

Best Family Medicine

"I have taken Ayer's Pills for many years, and always derived the best results from their use. For stomach and liver troubles, and for the cure of headache,

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cannot be equaled. When my friends ask me what is the best remedy for disorders of the stomach, liver, or bowels, my invariably answer is Ayer's Pills."—Mrs. MAY JOHNSON, New York City.

Highest Awards at World's Fair.

Notice.

M. L. Colburn has purchased the interest of Rufus Sutherland in the La Creole cigar company and will continue the business as heretofore. All bills due the firm should be paid Mr. Colburn and all accounts will be paid by him.

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BICYCLES GUNS Sewing Machines LOCKS...

Or in fact anything out of repair can be fixed by **M. J. HENDERSON** 177 MEYER MAIN ST.

TROUBLE IN CRETE.

John Bull Had an Army of 1,000 to Fight 20,000 Barbaric Warriors.

SITUATION IS BELLIGERENT.

Battle Scene That Recalls Scott's Stories of the Crusaders.

London, Feb. 12.—A dispatch from Bida, dated Jan. 27, gives additional details concerning the advance of the columns of the royal Niger company's expedition against the emir of Nupe. The fighting in the vicinity of Bida, the Fulah capital, which was stopped by darkness on the evening of Jan. 26, was resumed at daylight on the morning of Jan. 27. Half of the British forces, which consisted of 500 troops, six Maxim, twenty-six mounted officers and 900 carriers, were ordered to cross a ravine near the ridge on which the troops of the royal Niger company's expedition had been stationed during the night. As they crossed the ravine it was noticed that the Fulah scouts were watching. The troops accordingly formed in a half square, the guns following, the rear half of the force then closed on the front half, forming a complete square. The British forces advanced steadily, halting every 200 yards for the purpose of allowing the guns to keep pace.

Forces of the Enemy Appear.

The massed forces of the enemy soon appeared, covering the surrounding slopes and constituting a splendid panorama, their eastern or semi-barbarous costumes in the sunlight recalling Scott's tales of the crusaders. The square of the royal Niger company's forces was soon completely surrounded by 20,000 cavalry and footmen. The reduction from the estimate of 30,000 made on Jan. 26 was due to the death of two of the important princes, rulers of the Moslem states, allies of the Mohammedan emir of Nupe and vassals like the emir of Nupe dependent on the great Mohammedan empire of Sokoto. When these two princes and rulers were killed by the shells of the British forces withdrew from the army of the emir of Nupe.

Fulah Sharpshooters Were Daring.

The royal Niger troops continued to advance slowly until they reached a ridge town commanding Bida. They then took up a strong position on the reverse of the slope and continued to reconnoiter throughout the day. Their forces were constantly harassed by the Fulah sharpshooters, who daringly advanced to within hundred yards of the square. Swarms of the enemy's cavalry charged on the royal Niger forces, but they were badly shattered, owing to the effective use of the Maxim guns. At 10:30 the artillery began bombarding the town, six Maxim guns playing on the gradually retreating masses of the enemy.

Came Near Killing the Emir.

At noon the advance company of the troops entered Bida, which is a town three miles square. Bombarding of a portion of the town was resumed, however, lasting until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when one half of the Hausa troops took possession of the town. Only fifteen of the Hausa troops were wounded. The losses of the Fulah forces were enormous. The brother of the emir of Nupe and many of the princes were severely wounded by a shell which exploded among the members of the staff of the emir, killing two men who were standing within a foot of them at the time. All of the Fulah princes fled in the direction of Sokoto.

THIRTEEN VILLAGES IN FLAMES.

Latest News from the Island of Crete—Christians Killing Moslems.

London, Feb. 12.—A dispatch to The Times from Canea says that the latest telegram from Sitia reports thirteen villages now in flames. The Christians are killing the Mohammedan inhabitants. Those who have succeeded in escaping from the scene of the massacres are flocking to Sitia, which is still in the possession of the Turks. It is feared that this news will produce a dangerous reaction at Iraklion. It is probable that the persistence of the Mohammedans in preventing the departure of Christians and foreigners will make necessary active measures on the part of the commanders of the foreign fleet. An Italian officer of the new gun clammer has gone to Kismati to investigate the reports of the atrocities there. A dispatch to The Times from Constantinople says that a special cabinet council is sitting at Yıldiz Palace for the purpose of discussing the situation in Crete. A dispatch to The Times from Vienna says that it is stated that Austria will remonstrate with Greece against the dispatch of a torpedo flotilla to Canea under the command of Prince George. The papers are full of long telegrams from European capitals, and editorials dealing with the gravity of the situation in Crete, and expressing fears of war between Turkey and Greece.

The Daily News correspondent at Rome says: "I learn that although the powers have admonished Greece against precipitating a war they have given her to understand that if she succeeds in occupying Crete they will not object to the accomplished fact."

Costly Fire at Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—At 1 o'clock this morning the broke out in the four-story brick building at 172 Madison street. The building was entirely burned out at a loss of about \$10,000 to its owners and entailing a loss of \$50,000 on Foster, Son & Co. The flames spread to the six-story building adjoining on the east and ruined the two upper stories. This building is occupied by Powers & O'Brien, who ran an elaborate saloon. Their loss will be heavy.

Combine in Soft Coal.

Cleveland, Feb. 12.—An evening paper says: At a secret meeting held in this city Wednesday there was consummated an agreement that will practically control the soft coal product of the state. It was a session of representatives of the Ohio soft coal association and of railroads in the association territory. It was decided to establish a state coal

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FRANK P. GRAVES—LAWYER, CORPORATION, commercial. Rooms 4, 5 and 6, Conkey block.
SYLVESTER W. BARBER, ATTORNEY—at law, over First National Bank, Benton Harbor, Mich.
GEORGE MILLER, ATTORNEY AND SOLLICITOR in Chagoy, room 8, Bowman bldg.

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DR. ELLEN MARIE OVIATT, HOMO-PATHIC physician. Office and residence, 228 Pleasant street. Office hours, 9 to 9 a. m., 1 to 4 and 7 to 8 p. m.

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SECRET SOCIETIES.

KNIGHTS OF THE MACABRE, BENTON TON, No. 104, meet at Old Fellows hall. Regular review second and fourth Fridays in each month. G. H. KIMMER, Com. R. P. CHADDOCK, R. K.

BENTON LODGE NO. 132, I. O. O. F., MEETS every Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in hall located opposite the post office. All visiting brothers are cordially invited.

GEORGE W. FALEN, Secretary.

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WANTED A STEADY, COMPETENT GIRL for general house work. One that intends to work all summer, none other need apply. Family of three. Mrs. M. E. Schler, 122 Broadway.

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WANTED A STRICTLY FIRST CLASS, experienced, able, address J. S. Hensel, 221 N. Green street, Chicago.

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FOR RENT—FURNISHED ROOMS BY THE day, week or month. White House, 110 Territorial street.

FOR SALE OR RENT—LARGE 12 ROOM modern house, 12 rooms, 12 rooms, 12 rooms, for sale on easy terms or will rent to the right people. S. M. Austin 2610.

FOR SALE—A GOOD HOUSE, LOT AND barn at a bargain and on easy terms. It is located at the corner of Washington and Ross streets, an excellent location as can be found in the city of Benton Harbor and in good condition. For price and terms call on Dr. Freeman, 167 Washington street.

FOR SALE—A GOOD FRUIT FARM OR lot will rent for cash rent. It is located in the north of city on the lake shore. 514 acres and 80 bearing trees. Apples, peaches and a variety of other small fruits. I also have a good hotel property centrally located in the village of Eau Claire, 10 miles from Benton Harbor, on the Big Four road that I will sell at a bargain or exchange for other good property in the city. For price and terms call on the above named property call on Dr. Freeman, 167 Washington street, City.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

REV. MR. FILLER returned to Chicago this noon.

THE Patriotic cigars are now on the market.

DEMOCRATIC city caucus at the silver club rooms this evening.

FOR lack of a quorum the board of public works held no meeting last night.

DEMOCRATIC county convention at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Conkey's hall.

E. W. MOORE & Co have a new price list of goods today. You will find something you need.

W. C. HOVY will sell the "America" wheel this year. This is the wheel that is the favorite of "Baby Bliss."

THE Installation of Benton Tont. K. O. T. M. will occur tonight. A banquet will follow the installation exercises.

FEBRUARY 16 is the date for the Lullaby concert which will be the third entertainment in the popular lecture course.

JOHN A. Crawford is not a candidate for city clerk. This simple announcement will put at rest the suspicions of many other candidates.

THE American ball nozzle company for which John A. Crawford was general sales agent, has quit business. Mr. Crawford thinks that it will probably be reorganized.

LAST night's Lansing Republican: James M. Shepherd, of Cassopolis, who is credited with a desire to be consul at Vienna under President McKinley, arrived in the city last night.

THE Globe clothing and shoers, 113 West Main street, announce the arrival of the spring styles in hats and shoes. They are offering special inducements on winter overcoats and ulsters.

THE Junior exhibition at the college February 19 will be an education to every one interested in the subject. Under the instruction of Miss Edith the expression, the pronunciation and gestures will be perfect.

LANSING has a lodge of the Order of Patriotes. It was organized last night by Attorney Hicks and starts out with 70 members, secured by R. A. Kneeland, who has been working for several weeks in the interest of the order.

THE Y. M. C. A. state convention will occur at Owosso February 25-28. Those of the members of the local association who are interested in going are urged to apply to the assistant secretary for information regarding railroad fare.

CITY Clerk Chadlock keeps a shaggy brown dog. The dog wears no tag and the genial clerk is compelled many times a day to explain how the dog had a tag but that it is worn out. Evidently every tag like every dog has its day.

DOWAGIAC News: Roman L. Jarvis, of Benton Harbor who ran for congress in this district in the recent election, is in the city today. Mr. Jarvis is here on insurance business, being district agent of the Michigan Mutual Life Insurance company.

WILLIAM Heffner, employed with the Anderson, Tully company, is a genius. He has invented a monkey wrench that for simplicity and convenience has no equal. There is a fortune, evidently, in the little device if the patentee is successful in its sale. Mr. Heffner has other valuable inventions, products of his own brain, which he will develop.

LAST night burglars broke the lock on the door of Charles Antes grocery store on Territorial street. Mr. Antes also braces the door from the inside with a spade and this saved him from being burglarized. Mr. Antes is an accommodating man and wishes THE NEWS to say that he will be at the store to let the burglars in should they conclude to make another visit tonight.

Hadrian's Wall.

Hadrian, in A. D. 120, built a stone wall from Bonness, near Carlisle, to Newcastile. It was 80 miles long and encircled by 10,000 troops. It was from 12 to 20 feet high at various points, 8 feet thick at the top and was provided with a gallery in the rear, which enabled its defenders to take their stand with only head and shoulders visible to the enemy. At every quarter of a mile there was a crenel with a garrison of troops. Beacon lights and signals were used, and on an at-tack, whether by day or by night, the news was at once flashed up and down the wall from sea to sea.

After the Elipement.

Artie—Darling, you have no idea how anxious I was while you were coming down the rope ladder. I was so afraid you had not fastened it securely above.

Sadie—You needn't have been alarmed, dear. Papa tied the knot for me.—Detroit Free Press.

Only five weeks are required to develop a perfect mosquito from the egg.

A can of foot of distilled water weighs very nearly 1,000 ounces.

Every man having a beard should have an even and natural color, and if it is not so already, use Buckham's Dye and appear tidy.

SOCIETY'S CORNER.

What Benton Harbor People and Their Societies Are Doing.

Attorney Victor M. Gore returned last evening from a business trip to Cleveland, Ohio. He also called on President elect McKinley at Canton and a mutual acquaintance formed at Detroit some time ago.

Lorado Taft, the celebrated sculptor will deliver a lecture at Conkey's hall, Friday evening, February 28, under the auspices of the Art League. "Contemporaneous French Art," will be the subject of the lecture and it will be illustrated by at least 150 stereopticon views. Lorado Taft is a lecturer in the Chicago Art Institute and the University of Chicago.

The hall of the Morton Howe Company takes place to night at Conkey's hall, and although the "boys" do not expect it to rival in brilliancy the Bradley Martin blow out, they hope to make it one to be remembered by those who attend. There is no reason why the firemen should not anticipate a large attendance. Of all citizens none are more self sacrificing, prompt and willing to obey when the call of duty summons them. Theirs is a life, when on duty surrounded with danger, and there are heroes in the company equally as brave and unselfish as that line of men who march up to the cannon's mouth. The object of the dance is for a noble cause, the proceeds are to be devoted to "beautify the last resting place of brothers and companions."

A Benton Harbor lady who has just returned from a visit to Delton, Barry county, brought home a compliment for the Hon. Victor M. Gore. During the campaign Mr. Gore spoke at Delton and the people there are still talking about his eloquence. The women were convinced, as well as the men, that the gold standard was all right. Said the young lady who played the piano at Mr. Gore's meeting: "If Mr. Gore is a fair representative of the Benton Harbor gentlemen I think it must be a really delightful place to live."

John H. Jackson is sick with the grip.

The up-to-date social, and supper to be given by the Presbyterian Sunday school at the home of V. M. Gore, 151 Green avenue, will be on Wednesday evening, February 17. Notice the date has been changed from Friday, February 19, to the above date, February 17. Supper will be served for 15 cents and followed by a literary and musical program. All persons, young and old, are invited to attend and enjoy an evening with the Presbyterians.

Wednesday evening at the home of the bride on Ohio street, Rev. George H. Simons united in marriage Bernice Slentz and Miss Eunice Throop. The groom is a prosperous farmer from Allegan county where the young people went immediately to commence house-keeping.

Vice President Deam, of the Benton Harbor Electric Railway & Transit company, is expected home from Chicago tonight.

Tom Meek in a Name.

"There it is again," groaned Champ-ley. "This time he's arrested for blowing a safe. That fellow's making life a long and dismal nightmare for me."

"What is this time?"

"Same old it's been half a dozen other times—R. H. Champley caught in another desperate crime; my name, my initials. I'll bet there are thousands of people using that man's name in making up mine. Every once in awhile I pick up a paper to read that I've whipped my wife, though I never had such an article; raised a check, beaten a hotel, stolen a bicycle or committed a burglary."

"But no one will suspect you."

"They won't? I have a barrel of letters referring to the matter. Ministers labor with me, lawyers offer to defend me, women want me to a turn and crooks want to enter into partnership with me. I have had some of the worst pangs you ever saw call upon me with a view to doing business."

"It doesn't seem possible."

"I tell you it's right. The thing's making me desperate. I've always led a respectable life, and to have this beggar bobbing up continually is enough to drive a man crazy."

"I believe it's providential, Champ-ley. I wouldn't accept that name of yours if a crown went with it. It's just as suggestive as Greenbush would be. Every one who hears it thinks of a clump. Have it changed and thank your lucky stars that some one else thinks it."

—Detroit Free Press.

A Wonderful Bird.

One day a wonderful bird tapped at the window of Mrs. Nansen's home at Chris-Ouina. Instantly the window was opened, and the wife of the famous Arctic explorer and another moment covered the little messenger with kisses and caresses. The carrier pigeon had been away from the cottage 30 long months, but it had not forgotten the way home. It brought a note from Nansen, stating that all was going well with him and his expedition in the polar regions. Nansen had fastened a message to a carrier pigeon and turned the bird loose. The frail carrier darted out into the blizzard air. It flew like an arrow over 1,000 miles of frozen waste and then sped forward over another 1,000 miles of ocean and plains and forests and mountains entered the window of the waiting mistress and delivered the message which she had been awaiting so anxiously. We boast of human pluck, sagacity and endurance, but this loving little carrier pigeon, in its homeward flight, after an absence of 30 months, accomplished a feat so wonderful that we can only give ourselves up to the amazement and admiration which must overwhelm every one when the marvelous story is told. Mrs. Nansen's pigeon is one of the wonders of the world.—Churchman.

COSTS MORE THAN COFFEE.

The New Beverage is Expensive in Some Families.

A gentleman while making the morning purchases in the family grocery, said they found Postum, the health coffee, rather expensive at his house. "We drink more of it than we used to of coffee, because the children all drink it, and there are four of them, and wife and myself, that makes six using Postum, while formerly I was the only one who drank coffee; wife used it now and then, but it didn't agree with her."

"Send up two packages of the Battle Creek, Mich., Postum Cereal Food Coffee. We find it is food and nourishment, and for the same money we get three cups of Postum to one of coffee. The way my family drink it, however, it costs us more than coffee, but we all feel well, and that is something."

"The old liver trouble I used to have is gone, I suppose because I have quit using the article that caused the trouble. I don't believe much in drugs for if nature is given a fair show, it will make most any one well."

Dr. J. B. S. King, Prof. Chemistry and Toxicology, 240 Wabash Ave., Chicago, says: "Will be glad to adopt Postum for my children as a daily beverage."

Wily grocers sometimes work in cheap imitations of Postum Cereal Food Coffee if the customer will stand it.

Niles Took a Holiday.

Dowagie Republican: When the news came to Niles that D. E. Mittan was acquitted of the charge of robbing the express company there was more excitement exhibited than when Lee surrendered. Strong men cried, and women fainted. The mayor issued a proclamation, bells were rung, the saloon doors were taken off their hinges, and the working and business men were given a holiday.

Democrat County Convention.

The democrats of Berrien county will meet in convention at Benton Harbor on Saturday, February 13, 1897, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of naming twenty-four delegates to attend the state convention to be held at Grand Rapids on Wednesday, February 17, 1897, and for the purpose of nominating a candidate for county school commissioner.

The following is the apportionment of delegates to be chosen in union caucuses in the various townships and wards in the county of Berrien, state of Michigan:

First district—Bainbridge, 9; Benton, 14; Benton Harbor—1st ward, 6; 2d ward, 14; 3d ward, 11; 4th ward, 9; Hagar, 7; Lincoln, 10; Oronoko, 15; Royaltown, 7; Sodus, 7; St. Joseph, 6; St. Joseph City—1st ward, 13; 2d ward, 15; Watervliet, 17.

Second district—Berrien, 10; Bertrand, 8; Buchanan, 22; Chikaming, 6; Gallen, 9; Lake, 11; New Buffalo, 6; Niles, 9; Niles City—1st ward, 11; 2d ward, 6; 3d ward, 7; 4th ward, 8; Pipestone, 8; Three Oaks, 11; Wewasaw, 8.

All friends of the principles enunciated in the national platform adopted by the Chicago convention, in July last, and who believe the American people can run their own business, are invited to participate.

W. A. HAKER, Chairman, F. A. POTTER, Secretary, County Com. Mittee.

Democratic Caucus.

The democrats of the city of Benton Harbor will meet in mass convention in Free Silver hall on Friday evening, February 12, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of naming 40 delegates to attend the county convention, to be held in Benton Harbor on Saturday February 13, 1897.

J. J. MILLER, Chairman of democratic city committee.

For the next 60 days C. R. Hollis & Son will sell their entire stock at actual cost before buying spring goods.

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Maccabee Installation.

The installation of officers of the Benton Tent, No. 104, K. O. T. M., will take place tomorrow evening, Feb. 12, at 7:30 o'clock. All the officers elect are urged to present themselves for installation as the places of those absent will be filled by the election of others. The ceremony will be followed by the usual banquet. H. REIMER, Com.

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of Hardwood and 230 Acres
of Pine Land.

Labor Commissioner Morse is about to issue a chapter of forestry statistics for Michigan. The total figures show there are in the state 6,196,977 acres of hardwood, 774,208 of pine, 1,495,106 of hemlock, 5,000,810 of plains, 3,265,067 of swamp. All of the area listed as plains is partly covered with bushes and scattering trees, while all of the swamp is partly covered with small timber and bushes.

For Berrien and counties near by the figures are as follows:

Berrien county has 35,388 acres of hardwood, 230 acres of pine, 820 acres of hemlock, 9,322 acres of plains, 29,683 acres of swamp.

Cass county has 28,468 acres of hardwood, no pine, 200 acres of hemlock, 2,846 acres of plains, 27,981 acres of swamp.

Allegan county has 29,768 acres of hardwood, 82 acres of pine, 70 acres of hemlock, 72,630 acres of plains, 33,163 acres of swamp.

Van Buren county has 28,355 acres of hardwood, 20 of pine, no hemlock, 17,811 of plains, 22,047 of swamp.

Heavy county has 39,091 acres of hardwood, no pine, no hemlock, 3,140 acres of plains, 19,579 acres of swamp.

Kalamazoo county has 28,185 acres of hardwood, no pine, no hemlock, 965 acres of plains, 12,251 acres of swamp.

800 DOGS.

It is Declared There Are That Many
In Benton Harbor.

A prominent citizen declares that there are at least 800 dogs in Benton Harbor. The canines are so numerous that complaints of their depredations are pouring in to the city authorities from all sources and some action on the part of the city council looking toward the extermination of the brutes is demanded.

The operations of the dog catchers last summer did not have a depopulating effect on the canine element, according to the opinion of the aforesaid prominent citizen. Dogs were never more numerous in Benton Harbor. They visit back doors and scarcely wait for the millmen to disappear around the corner of the house before their noses are thrust into the milk receptacles.

Hams, shoulders, side meat and sausage, left in out houses, disappear and the owners are appalled of the nature of the intruder by canine tracks around the house. The dog question seems to be one of considerable seriousness, and one which the city will soon be called upon to wrestle with.

NEWS OF THE STATE

At a recent reception given Gen. Alger at Detroit, Warren McCumber, now a driver in the fire department, and who was Gen. Alger's orderly in the war, came to pay his respects to his former chief. Grasping the general's hand in his own, McCumber leaned forward and kissed Gen. Alger, and several handkerchiefs were pressed to the eyes of those near by as they witnessed this feeling expression of affection.

Calamity Overhanging Niles

Dovagline News: D. E. Miltan, of Niles, who, as stated in yesterday's News, was in the city, is contemplating making this place his future home.

Here is a chance to get a new eight room house in good location, cheaper than can be duplicated by any one in Benton Harbor. Will take a cash payment of \$100 and one cow in part payment. Inquire at McDonald's lumber yard, West Main St.

IN CASE OF RIOTS.

The New Military Company Offers
its Services.

The St. Joseph military company met last night and appointed a committee composed of A. L. Versaw, J. E. Riley and Roy K. Moulton, to offer the services of the company to Sheriff Ferguson and the mayors of the two cities for riot duty.

The orderly sergeant was instructed to correspond with the adjutant general relative to securing uniforms and arms for the members of the company. Eight new members were received.

DISCOURAGED FRUIT GROWERS.

They Come Here From New York
and Other States to Locate.

The report that the fruit buds in this vicinity have been injured by the cold snap has not scared away people who are looking for fruit country in which to locate. The fact is that the peach trees are in excellent shape for a crop next year. Some of the buds have been killed, enough so that fruit growers will not be required to spend \$25 per acre to thin out the fruit next summer.

A gentleman from New York who for several years has suffered failure of crops will arrive here very soon and expects to purchase several hundred acres of fruit land and a residence in this city. An idea of the extensive business he carried on in New York may be had from the fact that he owned his own steamers which carried his products to market down a little river in northern New York. Other smaller growers who are discouraged with the uncertain crops in other parts are looking to the Michigan fruit belt as a new field for their business and to the city of Benton Harbor for a home.

A QUEER CASE.

Secretary of the Niles Paper Com-
pany in Trouble.

The Niles Paper Mill company are the defendants in a peculiar suit to be tried this week in the circuit court at Kalamazoo. The plaintiffs are Smith, Silwell, Bierce & Company, of Kalamazoo, and they will be represented by Gory & Harvey, of this city.

The suit is brought to recover on an account of \$900, representing a quantity of machinery purchased by the secretary of the Niles Paper Mill company on the credit of the Niles concern and ordered shipped by him to the Allegan Paper company at Allegan, in which he is president and one of the chief stockholders.

The Niles company will endeavor to show that the machinery was purchased without their knowledge and in fraud of its rights.

CHAIN LINKS IN HIS LUNGS.

The Cause of the Death of Philip
Brew Near Gailon.

GAILON, Mich., Feb. 11.—Philip Brew died at New Carlisle, Ind., seven miles from here yesterday afternoon, from the effects of two links of log chain which had been in his lung 30 years.

Brew served in the late war without harm. Shortly after the war he attended a logging bee. A heavy chain broke and two links struck him on the left side above the heart, pushed through his body and lodged directly under the shoulder blade. He did not have the links removed, and they bothered him ever since, appearing sometimes in one part of the body, sometimes in another. The last few days he bled profusely from the mouth. At his own request, the links will be cut out by the physicians. The case is attracting considerable attention among the medical profession.

SPRING MEDICINE is a necessity which Bow's Sarsaparilla grandly supplies. It purifies and vitalizes the blood and thus gives tone and strength to the whole system.

BOOD'S PILLS are the only pills to take with Bow's Sarsaparilla. Care all liver ills.

Finest smoke on earth for 5 cents at Hall & Nichols.

Evening News and K. P. cigars.

READS LIKE FICTION.

Story of the Proceedings in the
Famous Hickory Creek
Drain.

FARMERS NOW FIGHTING IT.

Artificial Waterway Extending
Through Lake and Weesaw
Township.

The history of Hickory Creek drain reads like a romance.

Hickory Creek drain is an artificial waterway and as surveyed will traverse a great tract of lowland extending through Weesaw and Lake townships. There was a necessity for the drain and the majority of the fruit growers whose farms it crosses favored it, otherwise its construction would never have begun.

The application for the drain was made and filed with Drain Commissioner Clark December 28, 1894. It starts in section one of Weesaw township and entering Lake traverses that township its entire length, following as near as practicable the general course of Hickory Creek. The application was signed by 23 of the property holders whose lands the drain traversed and it was then admitted that the establishment of the drain was conducive to the public health and business interests of the community.

The contract for constructing the drain was awarded J. M. Allmendinger, of this city, for \$2,000. Contractor Allmendinger began the work of excavating last summer and when he had it completed almost a mile of the drain had been dug out. The drain proceedings of the commissioner were illegal and a few of the land owners who were assessed for the benefit of the drain, but who opposed its construction, seized at this opportunity to prevent further work. They created sentiment against the building of the waterway to such an extent that several of the farmers across whose lands the drain passed were induced to commence trespass proceedings against Contractor Allmendinger. Mr. Allmendinger caused his attorneys, Gory & Harvey, to quietly investigate the proceedings of the drain commissioner. They learned that glaring irregularities existed and that it would be impossible for Mr. Allmendinger to collect on his contract after the drain was completed unless the proceedings of the commissioner were corrected.

This discovery placed Mr. Allmendinger in dire straits. He must, if possible, secure a coronation in the proceedings without suffering the loss of the expense he had been to something over \$2,000—and how to do this was a serious problem. He finally saw a way out. He continued with the prosecution of his work on the drain, his attorneys suggesting in adjoining the trespass suits from one week to another during which time he succeeded in influencing a friendly party in the person of Charles L. Lemon, of Lake township, to file a bill in chancery asking that he (Allmendinger) be restrained from further work upon the proposed waterway.

The case was argued before Judge Coultidge at Niles, Gory & Harvey appearing for the petitioner, Charles L. Lemon, and James O'Hara representing Mr. Allmendinger. The injunction was granted and in his order Judge Coultidge decreed that all proceedings of the drain commissioner relative to Hickory Creek drain, subsequent to the first order of determination therein, and except such releases of right of way as may have been executed and delivered, were null and void, illegal and void.

Mr. Allmendinger at once ceased work and the drain commissioner set back to work to correct the proceedings back to the first order of determination. The opposition to the construction has greatly increased and the question of the commissioner's right to correct the proceedings has become an issue. Many of the property holders hold that another application for the drain must be filed and the proceedings from the beginning as required by the drain law observed before the drain can be established.

This question will be determined before the judge of probate February 23, at which time a warm strife, it is expected will be witnessed.

Mr. Allmendinger succeeded in having the trespass suits against him dismissed by the payment of the costs which he gladly consented to do. These concessions, of course, were not made by Mr. Allmendinger until after he had been enjoined from further work upon the drain.

It is decided that the drain can be constructed. Mr. Allmendinger will no doubt be awarded the contract for the reason that with one mile of the drain completed and his machinery on the ground he can afford to under bid any of his competitors.

INJURED WHILE COASTING.

Agard Bailey, Son of the Banker.
Meets With an accident.

Agard Bailey, son of Banker S. A. Bailey received a severe injury to his knees today while coasting on the hill by the water works station. An angry wound, laying the flesh open almost to the bone, was discovered by Dr. George Bell who was called to attend the injured boy. The bone was not injured and the physician says the wound will heal without affecting the leg.

STORY OF RICHES.

It is Told Concerning a Berrien
County Man.

The Detroit Evening News prints the story that Joseph Omslieker, a farmer living five miles south of St. Joseph, is said to have found \$10,000 while digging a cellar for a new house. The money was in a rusty iron box and consisted mostly of gold coin.

Mr. Omslieker kept his find a secret for some time, but finally sold his farm and moved to Chicago with his newfound wealth. He is a native of Germany and can scarcely speak English. It is said that the money was buried by an Indian chief 35 years ago, to prevent it from being stolen by a rival tribe. The Indians soon came here 25 years ago to find the money, which he said had been buried on the bank of a stream near a pine tree.

BY A VICIOUS DOG.

A Child on Britain Avenue a Sad
Sufferer.

The three year old child of Mrs. Abay, who lives at the foot of Britain avenue, was badly bitten by a mad dog this morning. The child was at play.

The dog bit through the upper lip and badly lacerated the lower lip of the child. Dr. Frauniger took three stitches in the upper lip and dressed the wounds in the lower lip. The matter has been reported to the police and when the owner of the dog is located, he will probably be invited to shoot the dangerous brute.

ST. JOSEPH.

Fred Potter has returned from Houma where he was employed by the Mergenthaler Linotype company as operator.

Robert E. Wrege who has been occupied with the construction of the log whistle here has returned to Detroit.

James Sassenau, of Baroda, was convicted this morning before Justice Balfrey on the charge of being drunk and disorderly and was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail.

The Nineteenth Century Club is entertaining the other ladies' clubs of the two cities at the home of Mrs. H. B. Roschberg this afternoon.

The opera, "Penelope," will be presented at the Hotel Whitcomb tonight for the benefit of the ladies' guild of the Episcopal church. Dancing will be enjoyed after the entertainment.

Miss Manie Lynch was very cleverly and delightfully surprised at her home on Cleveland avenue last night by several sleighloads of merry-making friends.

A masquerade ball will be held at the Academy of Music tonight.

The next meeting of the Prosperity Club will occur at the residence of Donna Hutchinson.

Mrs. Haslett left today for Chicago to join her son, H. B. Haslett, clerk of the steamer Jay Gould, whose sudden disappearance Monday caused considerable excitement.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Fred Allen visited some of the classes Wednesday afternoon.

Philip Kepner, class of '96, was present during chapel Tuesday morning.

Mr. Perry and Mr. Richards of Fair Plain were visitors Tuesday afternoon.

This week has been one of interest in the rhetorical work. On Monday an essay on Shakespeare was read by Frank King in which the life of the great dramatist was well presented. On Tuesday a recitation by Arlie Merrill in which the failings of the gentleman were displayed on their shipping trips; also an essay on William Pitt by Earl Merry who characterized him as working toward the end of "making England the greatest country in the world and Lord Chatham the greatest man in England." On Wednesday a recitation by Maud Lester. Subject, "The lying newswoman." On Thursday a recitation by Roy McClurg, "The Lazy Family," depicting the sad fate of a family who trace to death because they were not inclined to bring in wood to keep up the fire; an essay, "Colonel Ellsworth," by Howard Morgan, giving the life of the boy martyr of the civil war who was shot while tearing down the Confederate flag which had floated within plain sight of the capitol buildings at Washington.

THE WEATHER.

Snow flurries this afternoon and tonight. Cloudy and snow tomorrow.

OYSTER AND LARD SALE.

J. S. LaPoint Will Serve the Public
Again Tomorrow.

Tomorrow J. S. LaPoint, the meat and oyster dealer on the corner of Pipestone and Britain will sell:

Choice Baltimore oysters at 25 cents a quart.
Fine best lard at 6 cents per pound.

Have you got good teeth? Stick them into Bird's Blue Tuff. Bird always sells the best.

Cheap rent, no help to pay. Very little expense. You get the benefit. Call and get prices on groceries. Dave Ryan.

"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin," and one touch of Bird's candy makes a man feel at ease with himself and his mother-in-law. Bird always keeps the best.

Save your money. But if you must get rid of it spend it on good things like these fine candies at Bird's drug store.

MAY KILL IT.

Action of the Grangers May Defeat
the Proposed Judicial Change.

The opposition against making Berrien county a separate judicial district advanced by the grangers, it is thought, will prove an effective agency in the killing of the proposition so enthusiastically launched by the lawyers of this county at their recent meeting in St. Joseph.

The reported fact that Cass county had not a single case in the January calendar of the circuit court, is another condition which will probably be used with telling effect in the argument against the proposition. Local attorneys are inclined to disbelieve this report, however, claiming that the real fact is, undoubtedly, that Judge Coe-Ridge became disgusted over the absence of attorneys on the opening day of court and returned home.

The matter of drafting a bill for presentation in the legislature relative to dividing this judicial district was placed in the hands of Attorney Lam-bert, of Niles, and what has been done toward the consummation of the contemplated end local lawyers are not aware.

Revival Meetings

Rev. O. D. Thomas the evangelist who has been engaged to conduct a series of union revival meetings in this city is expected to arrive here Friday, the 26th and will begin work at once. In the meantime union preparatory meetings will be held and the work of organizing a chorus club, under Dr. Knocland and a corps of special workers under Mr. French will go forward.

Meetings for this evening will be held in the following places:

Hagar school house, leader, Rev. E. A. Hoffman.

Hull school house, leader Rev. W. P. French.

Allen school house, leader Rev. L. W. Earl.

Boynston school house, leader Rev. George B. Simons.

Home of Mr. York on Empire avenue.

Home of Mrs. Banyon, Colfax avenue, one door south of Garfield avenue, leader Mrs. Mays.

Home of Sylvester Warner, Vineyard avenue, leader Mrs. Granger.

Home of Mr. Bassett, Brunson avenue and Jefferson street, leader W. P. Harvey.

Home of Ova Nutting Bellview street leader J. W. Barker.

Y. M. C. A. rooms, leader Dr. White.

Home of Captain Roush, Britain avenue and Broadway, leader Mrs. Tomkins.

The Last London Sweep.

The contemporary chimney sweeps, who still are of importance to London, are lusty youths and mature men, who work with a "machine" and bear relation to the ancient order commemorated by Lamb and purposely championed by Dickens only in their soot grimed hands and blackened countenances. One of these, testifying at the inquest over William Price, summed up the grand difference between original worth and present degeneracy. "Lor' bless you, we ain't chimney sweeps nowadays; not a bit of it. We work with a lot of sticks. Anybody can do that. But how ab, be vor a sweep, he wor! He could do our work, but we couldn't do his. There ain't no chimbleys, and there ain't no sweeps now."—London Letter.

The Useful Horse Radish.

That acid alien of the ditches and field corners, botanically named armo-racia, but almost universally known as horse radish, is not only serviceable as a popular associate for hot winterwursts and in giving roast meats a keen edge, but it has also a good supply of medicinal properties. From it comes that tongue biting concoction, compound spirit of horse radish. The spirit—properly taken—has caused many dyspepsias to bleed the day the hot root was first discovered. As a sore throat horse radish has elicited many favorable testimonials from hopeless cases of chronic rheumatism, and dropsy sufferers have often found temporary relief by using the property as a diuretic.

Hall & Nichols have their new long distance telephone in operation.

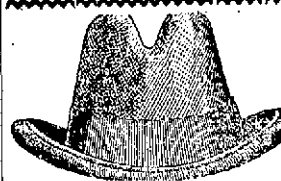
Or for a lodge in some vast wilderness where I can be alone with a box of Bird's tin candles Bird always sells the best.

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CREAM
BAKING
POWDER
MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.
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E. W. Moore & Co.

Can't save you a House and Lot on one paper of pins, but "Better goods at same price," or "Same goods at less price," is what we are aiming at, and day in and day out you will find we come pretty near the mark. Our special sales change every day. They seem to please the majority of the people, and by noticing our ad. you will nearly always find something you are needing, and on which we can save you money. See a few of

OUR SPECIALS FOR ONE DAY ONLY.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

300 yds fine English flannel at 75c a yd.
200 yds fine Orling flannel at 45c a yd.
1000 yds Great American muslin at 15c a yd.
5 doz men's underwear to close at 50c, worth 75c to 1.00.
Special sale of White Goods at cut prices. We have not the room to enumerate all prices.
Choice of our entire stock of new spring prints 5c a yard.

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Dairy Butter 14c.
Armour's family lard, 6c lb.
Crushed Java coffee, 13c lb.
"Gold Line" flour, \$1.19 a barrel.
"Wonder" spring wheat flour, best on earth, \$4.50.

If You Are Trying To Save Money Buy Your Goods Of Us For Cash.

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JACKETS
AT HALF PRICE.
New Dress Goods
New Silks,
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Grand Special Underwear Sale

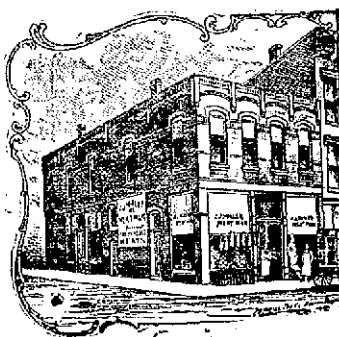
SATURDAY FEB. 13, (One Day Only)

To clean out some odd lots. They will go at HALF-PRICE. Must make room for the arrival of early spring goods.

1-4 Off Sale on all Winter Goods Continues.

ENTERPRISE MERCANTILE CO.

Benton Harbor

MEAT
and Provision
HOUSE.

We change our add to say that we have the largest stock we have ever carried in the city. If you want high-priced beef steak, we simply say we have it; if you are looking for low prices we are the place. We have the stock, the assortment and we fear no competition in our line. If you want a quart of oysters, solid meats, we have them.

WHOLESALE
AND
RETAIL.J. J. MILLER,
The Meat Man.

WHITE HOUSE STORE.

Now Is Your Last Chance,

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, MONDAY
Feb. 12, 13, 15
Between 9 & 11 a. m. and 2 and 4 p. m.

We will continue our great sale which has been a grand success. Goods are going fast at the astonishing low prices which no one but the White House Store is able to quote:

17 Yds. Fruit or Lonsdale for \$1.00 26 Yds. Standard Prints for \$1.00
26 Yds. L. L. Sheeting for \$1.00 3 Men's White Shirts for \$1.00

Everything else in the store at the same astonishing low prices during four hours each day. Please remember you cannot get these prices if you are one minute late.

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Watch this space we will change these prices often.
Buckwheat Flour, 20c a Sack.

25 lbs. Granulated Sugar.....	\$1 00	1 lb. package Corn Starch.....	5c
25 lbs. Extra O Sugar.....	\$1 00	1 lb. package Best Polishing Starch.....	8c
5 gal. Galvanized Iron Siphon Can	90c	1-2 lb. Bakers' Chocolate.....	19c
Crackers, per pound.....	5c	Sweet Chocolate.....	7c
1 gal. Cider Vinegar.....	12c	California Peaches, 3 cans.....	15c
Golden Syrup, per gal.....	20c	Golden Pumpkin.....	9c
1 lb. Best Coconut.....	15c	Salt Pork.....	5c
1-2 lb. Best Coconut.....	10c	Arm and Hammer Soda.....	6c
2 lb. package Buckwheat.....	5c	Magic Yeast and Yeast Foam.....	3c
Matches, per package, 200 count.....	10c	25c Tea.....	19c
5 gallon Oil Can.....	50c	Sapole.....	8c
1 lb. Best 50c Tea.....	33c	Bulk Starch.....	4c
2 lb. package Rolled Oats.....	7c	1 lb. Dr. Price's Baking Powder.....	40c
1 lb. Good Java Coffee.....	28c	Salt, per sack.....	3c

Compare these prices with what you are paying at credit stores and you will be convinced that we can save you money.

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SPRING GREETING 1897

To the ladies of the Twin Cities and Vicinity:

We have just opened one of the largest stocks of spring dress goods ever brought to Berrien county and invite you all to call upon us at your earliest convenience.

We have the latest things in the all wool and wool mixtures varieties and our new wash goods are simply grand.

You should not fail to see these things before they are gone, as they are beyond all doubt the handsomest ever opened here.

Our new muslin underwear is in and we are opening the new embroideries today.

JAMES POUND

SMOKE! SMOKE!

The air is filled with smoke.

What kind of smoke?

Why from the EVENING NEWS

and K. P. Cigars.

CARNEGIE ALL RIGHT.

The Collapse of the Steel Rail Combine Has No Terror for This Millionaire.

HE IS READY FOR COMPETITION

The Pittsburgh Iron King Holds a Conference With His Lieutenants.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 12.—Andrew Carnegie arrived in the city Wednesday night and was closeted yesterday with the officials of the Carnegie Steel company, limited, denying himself to all interviewers. None of the officials of the company would express themselves upon the recent collapse of the steel and rail pools, and the threatened dissolution of the iron ore combination. The iron and steel market is in a highly agitated state over the present condition, but it is evident that the Carnegie company is by no means worried over the prospect of open markets with the fiercest competition. A prominent steel manufacturer said: "As far as low prices on billets and steel rails are concerned, it is generally conceded that the Carnegies are prepared to compete under any conditions. Their recent completion of the two largest blast furnaces in the world, by which the cost of pig iron is reduced, their alliance with the coke interests, and the fact that they are paying a wage scale which contains a 10 per cent. bonus that can be taken off at any time, gives them an advantage that is unequalled in iron and steel circles."

From One Combine May Also Collapse. "A matter that is interesting the trade particularly at this time is the question whether the iron ore combination can withstand the influence that has been wrecking the combinations in finished products. Last year the output of ore was apportioned among the manufacturers with a view to limiting the production to 10,000,000 tons and putting the price up from \$2.50 per ton to \$4 and sustaining it at that point. This was accomplished throughout the year, but it had as a sustaining influence the steel mill, offset and beam pools, which kept up the price of finished products. The recent fifty-year lease of the Mountain Iron mine in the Mesabi range from the Rockefeller interests by the Carnegie Steel company may prove a large factor in the ore pool. It will enable this company to secure a large amount of ore at a decided advantage, and this advantage will be enhanced by the low railroad rates on the Rattler and Pittsburgh railroad, which the Carnegie company is building from Pittsburgh to the lake."

HOW IT IS VIEWED AT CLEVELAND. Steel Pool Collapse Is the All-Absorbing Topic of Conversation.

Cleveland, Feb. 12.—The collapse of the steel pool and the sharp decline in prices is the all absorbing topic of conversation around the offices of ore producers and iron and steel manufacturers in this city. The ore producers have held several meetings here during the past two or three months, but in each case have adjourned without deciding upon a policy or fixing prices for the present year. Another meeting was to have taken place here Feb. 12, but it is stated that for various reasons it has been postponed. The latter part of the present month, it is expected that the ore men will either enter into a joint agreement with regards to output and prices or will decide to let each man shift for himself.

John D. Rockefeller has been represented in the meetings of the ore producers heretofore held during the winter, and it is understood will be represented at the coming gathering this month. The consensus of opinion among the larger ore producers seems to be that there is no better reason than ever why the operators should enter into an agreement. It is pointed out that with the collapse of the steel pool and the demoralization of prices on finished goods, there must necessarily be a big increase in consumption on account of buyers desiring to take advantage of low prices. This will, of course, stimulate the demand for ore and the operators while admitting that their prices should largely be regulated by quotations on the finished product, believe that they should now, of all times, work together harmoniously.

One of the largest ore producers on Lake Superior said that beyond the fact that Mr. Carnegie had leased from John D. Rockefeller one or two mines, he felt confident that there had been no further deal between them and that all the talk about consolidation of interests or working arrangements between the two was without foundation.

What is called the last move in a long line of reductions has been made by Carnegie. Heretofore he has received his ore through middlemen. Thereafter he will use the Rockefeller ore, and it will be looked after by his Cleveland agent. An item of interest in connection with the collapse of the steel pool is the fact that the Cleveland rolling mill company has been receiving \$100,000 per annum for refractory from making steel rails. Many of the Cleveland ore men claim that the ore pool is not affected by the death of the rail and bitter pools for the reason that the railroads, taking advantage of the lower prices, are putting in heavy orders for rails which will call for a vast quantity of ore.

No Truth in the Report. Youngstown, O., Feb. 12.—(Regarding the report sent out that the Merchants' Iron association has disbanded, James N. Nutt, secretary of the association, says: "There is absolutely no truth in the report that the association has disbanded. We have a report of this kind about once every month and I am at a loss to understand how the rumors get afloat. The next meeting of the association will be held in March."

Michigan Federation of Labor. Lansing, Mich., Feb. 12.—The executive board of the Michigan Federation of Labor met here yesterday and carried out part of the programme to hasten legislation for abolishing convict labor in prisons when it conflicts with free labor. A boycott was declared against the Brock-Buffington shirt company, of Albany, N. Y., which has a contract for manufacturing shirts in prison.

When the Mistletoe Grows.

Mistletoe for centuries has been one of the most important factors in Yuletide decorations. Its use dating back as far as the days of the Druids. The hanging of the mistletoe on Christmas eve, between 11 and 12 o'clock, in many homes is the beginning of the season's merrymaking. The bough is hung in a place where there will be no obstacle to passing under it, and the penalty for being caught beneath its branches all known.

The mistletoe of the Druids is Viscum album. It is a true parasite, existing on the sap of other trees, and never at any time is it in contact with the soil. It grows freely on apple, pear and plum trees, on poplars, thorns, maples and lindenwood, and rarely on the oak. It is said that the only sacred mistletoe of the Druids was that found upon the oak. The propagation is by the seeds. These are covered with a translucent, gummy substance. They are placed in position by birds, which in trying to rid their beaks of the sticky seeds rub them on the bark. The seeds which are deposited on the east or north side of the tree grow more rapidly than those to the south or west.

Some idea of the quantity of mistletoe that is used annually in London may be had when it is known that from the two counties of Worcester and Hereford alone more than 100 tons are shipped each season. Much also finds its way from Normandy and from France to the London market. Large quantities are imported yearly to New York, Boston and Philadelphia, and much reaches Chicago.

The mistletoe generally seen in the market here is a variety of the European species and is known as Phoradendron flavescens. It is smaller, both in berries and leaf, than the native variety. It is found in great quantities in New Jersey and southward through the Carolinas, New Mexico and Indian Territory.—Chicago Record.

His Mother Would Do.

The Duke of Sutherland presented a park to one of the pottery towns. The opening was a big event, and the Prince of Wales was asked to perform the ceremony. A deputation waited on the prince accordingly, a wealthy and worthy magistrate being spokesman.

Honest old John was noted less for courtlike demeanor than for being large hearted, rough and ready and real Staffordshire. Unfortunately his royal highness was unable to comply.

"I should have been most happy," said he, "and I know sooner."

"Can't the spare half a day just to show thy friend?" said the worthy fellow.

"We shall look fools when we get back." But the prince was inexorable. Much disconcerted, the deputation seemed at a loss how to proceed. Suddenly an idea struck their resourceful leader, and, turning to the heir apparent, he said:

"Well, if the countess came, send thy mother."—Strand Magazine.

The Spirit of Love.

Beyond all question, it is the amiable constitution of nature that there is efficacy—divine, unspeakable efficacy—in love. The exhibition of kindness has the power to bring even the irrational animal into subjection. Show kindness to a dog, and he will remember it, he will be grateful, he will infallibly return love for love. Show kindness to a lion, and you can lead him by the mane, you can thrust your head into his mouth, you can melt the untamed ferocity of his heart into an affection stronger than death. And if this blessed influence should extend itself over the earth, a moral garden of Eden would exist in every land. Instead of the thorn and briar would spring up the fir tree and the myrtle; the desert would blossom and the solitary place be made glad.—New York Ledger.

Best Family Medicine

"I have taken Ayer's Pills for many years, and always derived the best results from their use. For stomach and liver troubles, and for the cure of headache,

AYER'S Cathartic Pills

cannot be equaled. When my friends ask me what is the best remedy for disorders of the stomach, liver, or bowels, my invariably clear answer is Ayer's Pills."—Mrs. MAY JOHNSON, New York City.

Highest Awards at World's Fair.

Notice.

M. L. Colburn has purchased the interest of Rufus Sutherland in the La Crosse cigar company and will continue the business as heretofore. All bills due the firm should be paid Mr. Colburn and all accounts will be paid by him.

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BICYCLES GUNS Sewing Machines LOCKS...

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TROUBLE IN CRETE.

John Bull Had an Army of 1,000 to Fight 20,000 Barbaric Warriors.

SITUATION IS BELLIGERENT.

Battle Scene That Recalls Scott's Stories of the Crusaders.

London, Feb. 12.—A dispatch from Bida, dated Jan. 27, gives additional details concerning the advance of the columns of the royal Niger company's expedition against the empire of Nupé. The fighting in the vicinity of Bida, the Fulah capital, which was stopped by darkness on the evening of Jan. 26, was resumed at daylight on the morning of Jan. 27. Half of the British forces, which consisted of 500 troops, six Maxim, twenty-six mounted officers and 900 carriers, were ordered to cross a ravine near the place on which the troops of the royal Niger company's expedition had been stationed during the night. As they crossed the ravine it was noticed that the Fulahs were watching. The troops accordingly formed in a half square, the guns following the rear half of the force then closed on the front half, forming a complete square. The British forces advanced steadily, halting every 200 yards for the purpose of allowing the guns to keep pace.

Forces of the Enemy Apparent.

The massed forces of the enemy soon appeared, covering the surrounding slopes and constituting a splendid panorama, their eastern or semi-barbaric costumes in the sunlight recalling Scott's tales of the crusaders. The square of the royal Niger company's forces was soon completely surrounded by 20,000 cavalry and footmen. The reduction from the estimate of 30,000 made on Jan. 26 was due to the death of two of the important princes, rulers of the Moslem states, allies of the Mohammedan empire of Nupé and vassals like the emir of Nupé dependent on the great Mohammedan empire of Sokoto. When these two princes and rulers were killed by the shells of the British their forces withdrew from the army of the emir of Nupé.

Fulth Sharpshooters Were Lying.

The royal Niger troops continued to advance slowly until they reached a ridge town commanding Bida. They then took up a strong position and to reverse of the slope and continued to reconnoiter throughout the day. Their forces were constantly harassed by the Fulah sharpshooters, who daringly advanced to within a hundred yards of the square. Swarms of the enemy's cavalry charged on the royal Niger forces, but they were badly shattered, owing to the effective use of the Maxim guns. At 10:30 the artillery began bombarding the town, six Maxim guns playing on the gradually retreating masses of the enemy.

Came Near Killing the Emir.

At noon the advance company of the troops entered Bida, which is a town three miles square. Bombarding of a portion of the town was resumed, however, lasting until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when one half of the Hausa troops took possession of the town. Only fifteen of the Hausa troops were wounded. The losses of the Fulah forces were enormous. The brother of the emir of Nupé and many of the princes were severely wounded by a shell which exploded among the members of the staff of the emir, killing two men who were standing within a foot of them at the time. All of the Fulah princes fled in the direction of Sokoto.

THIRTEEN VILLAGES IN FLAMES.

Latest News from the Island of Crete—Christians Killing Moslems.

London, Feb. 12.—A dispatch to The Times from Crete says that the latest telegram from Bida reports thirteen villages now in flames. The Christians are killing the Mohammedan inhabitants. Those who have succeeded in escaping from the scene of the massacres are fleeing to Bida, which is still in the possession of the Turks. It is feared that this news will produce a dangerous reaction at Heraklion. It is probable that the persistence of the Mohammedans in preventing the departure of Christians and foreigners will make necessary active measures on the part of the commanders of the foreign fleet. An Italian officer of the new gulf division has gone to Kismatu to investigate the reports of the atrocities there. A dispatch to The Times from Constantinople says that a special cabinet council is sitting at Yildiz Palace for the purpose of discussing the situation in Crete. A dispatch of The Times from Vienna says that it is stated that Austria will remonstrate with Greece against the dispatch of a torpedo flotilla to Crete under the command of Prince George. The papers are full of long telegrams from European capitals, and editors are dealing with the gravity of the situation in Crete, and expressing fears of war between Turkey and Greece.

The Daily News correspondent at Rome says: "I learn that although the powers have admonished Greece against precipitating a war they have given her to understand that if she succeeds in occupying Crete they will not object to the accomplished fact."

Costly Fire at Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—At 1 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the four-story brick building at 121 Madison street. The building was entirely burned out at a loss of about \$100,000 to its owners and entailing a loss of \$200,000 on Prater, Son & Co. The flames spread to the six-story building adjoining on the east and ruined the two upper stories. This building is occupied by Powers & O'Brien, who own an elaborate saloon. Their loss will be heavy.

Combino in Soft Coal.

Cleveland, Feb. 12.—An evening paper says: At a secret meeting held in this city Wednesday there was consummated an agreement that will practically control the soft coal product of the state. It was a session of representatives of the Ohio soft coal association and of railroads in the association territory. It was decided to establish a single sales agency for all of the Ohio bituminous

